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1. CHARGE RAISED QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF PENAL SANCTIONS
TREATY WITH MFA DIRECTOR OF WESTERN DEPARTMENT YEGEN
ON JUNE 16. AFTER RECOUNTING FOR YEGEN AMBASSADOR'S
CONVERSATION WITH MFA SYG ELEKDAG LATE MAY (REFTEL),
CHARGE CALLED YEGEN'S ATTENTION TO ARTICLE IN THAT
MORNING'S MILLIYET DATED WASHINGTON DESCRIBING
PRESIDENT CARTER'S BREAKFAST FOR 40 CONGRESSMEN TO
DISCUSS RAISING EMBARGO. ARTICLE STATED THAT ONE
CONGRESSMAN HAD ASKED PRESIDENT ABOUT PROGRESS OF
NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD TRANSFER TREATIES WITH TURKEY.
CHARGE NOTED THAT IT HAD NOW BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE
FIRST DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS, THAT THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF CONGRESSIONAL
INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT, AND THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY
USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO REPORT SOME PROGRESS. HE ASKED
YEGEN TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO ABOUT FACILITATING
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PRESENTATION OF TURKISH DRAFT TREATY TO EMBASSY SO
THAT NEGOTIATION COULD START AND SO THAT STATE
DEPARTMENT COULD TELL INTERESTED CONGRESSMEN THAT
NEGOTIATION UNDERWAY. YEGEN WHO WAS GENERALLY
FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE A
TELEPHONE CALL BEFORE REPLYING. AFTER LONG CONVERSA-
TION WITH DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS AT MFA, YEGEN TOLD

CHARGE: (1) GOT STILL STUDYING TEXT OF TREATY AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAD NOT YET APPROVED IT;
(2) GOT WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT UNITED STATES CONSIDER ADHERENCE TO EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL VALIDITY OF CRIMINAL JUDGEMENTS. THAT CONVENTION HAD BEEN OPEN FOR ADHERENCE SINCE MAY 28, 1970. IT HAD BEEN RATIFIED BY TURKEY SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AND ARTICLES OF RATIFICATION WERE TO BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY.

2. CHARGE SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT GOT SUGGESTION TO DEPARTMENT.

CIMMENT: QUESTION OF SEPARATE PRISONER TREATY WITH US IS STILL OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERED A HOT POLITICAL POTATO HERE. WE WILL KEEP AFTER GOT ON THIS SUBJECT. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECAITE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON VALIDITY OF GOT'S SUGGESTIONS RE EUROPEAN CONVENTION.

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